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PROVINCIAL GRIDIRON CHAMPIONS - Five Elk Point players, (left to right) Joey Cardinal, Danny Cardinal, Charlie Rogal, Odin Smith and Chayse Pankiw, took their turn at posing with the Football Alberta Bantam Tier III provincial championship cup after the St. Paul Bengals won a decisive 27 - 9 victory over the Lacombe Raiders, with an excellent crowd of fans from St. Paul, Elk Point and surrounding areas cheering them on every inch of the way. Story, Page 3.

Full house for town council

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council had a full house at their first meeting of November, with three delegations on the agenda, the first of those bringing in almost the Town's entire staff to meet the new council.

CAO Ken Gwozdz introduced finance manager Jenny Blacklock, who has been with the town for 35 years, 32-year employee Lynn Proski, who is in charge of payables, utility bills and permits, executive assistant Brooke Yaremchuk, Maria Cueva, in charge of receivables and payroll, recreation director Jena Colbourne and animal control officer Ron Lesyk.

Public Works superintendent Jay Duffee then introduced his staff: Level 1 operator Chris Swedgan, garbage truck operator Kyle Bleakley, equipment operator Carl Laviolette, Madi Watt, who is currently filling in for Level 1 operator Natasha Charchun, and transfer station operator Jordan Pelech, noting that employee Cecil Dorey is currently on medical leave.

"I'm proud of my crew, Duffee said. "They're a strong staff."

Mayor Lorne Young agreed and complimented all the town workers on their dependable service and dedication.

RCMP update

Sgt Terry Hyggen was the next visitor, welcoming the new councillors and giving an update on the Elk Point RCMP Detachment statistics from January to the end of October, which totaled 2,843 calls, a number he said was "way ahead of last year's for the same time period," and which includes "a high incidence of violence."

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Rural Crime Watch weighs communication options

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A long-standing question for Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch (GLRCW) has been, how best to distribute information about potential problems in the area, as well to remind members about their meeting dates. With an aging computer that is not always successful in even sending out the word about upcoming meetings, the group has been exploring options ranging from an email fan-out system to the Alberta Emergency Alert, and is hoping to learn more about the various fan-out systems currently being used at an upcoming Rural Crime Watch zone meeting in St. Michael.

One of the new members attending last Thursday's GLRCW meeting had a fast and simple solution, and offered to set up a closed Facebook account for the group's members that would quickly spread the news about everything from suspicious vehicles and the latest internet scams to information about the associations annual meeting on Feb. 22, 2018. Terri Hampson said she had viewed Facebook pages from other Rural Crime Watch organizations in the area and found that they had very large memberships and their sites had impressive viewing statistics, and felt a similar site would be a major asset to the local group, which covers the County of St. Paul.

Elk Point RCMP Sgt. Terry Hyggen agreed that such a page could indeed give local detachments "the thousands of eyes and ears we need out there" to curb rural crime across the area, and the membership agreed to give it a try.

Sgt. Hyggen listed "a pretty staggering number" of crime statistics for the first 10 months of 2017, and spoke about initiatives he has underway in "trying to get a handle on the situation. I have a real concern with the violence." While much of the problem is targeted to certain individuals, many of them repeat offenders, "it does affect everybody. The offenders need to be held accountable and we need an opportunity for our RCMP members to check on

them."

The sergeant said a number of offenders have been put in custody since he arrived in Elk Point, and that his members "know who to deal with." Very recently, four members from the Eastern Alberta District were able to execute 31 outstanding warrants and lay 18 additional charges involving 10 individuals, he said. "I'm pleased with the way it went, and I think they will be back again."

Sgt. Hyggen also attended a drug and gang forum at Frog Lake that involved Alberta Justice, K Division, the drug unit and representatives from the bands of several First Nations in the area.

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New leadership for Alberta's Lakeland DMO

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Association (ALDMO) is under new leadership, in the wake of the Oct. 16 municipal elections and the subsequent organizational meetings, which saw many of the previous representatives of towns and counties replaced.

Following a comprehensive overview of ALDMO's operation, tourist guide and newly developed website and social media, general manager Marianne Janke conducted an election for a new executive. Town of Elk Point Coun. Debra McQuinn, the only municipal council representative to return to the group after the elections, was elected president, with new Town of St. Paul Coun. Brad Eamon chosen as first vice president and County of St. Paul Coun. Laurent Amyotte as second vice president. Peggy Danyluk of the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association was elected secretary, while Marjorie Scott of Heinsburg Community Club was returned to the post of treasurer for another year.

After approving a set of recently updated bylaws that will allow the association to apply for casinos and setting the dates of meetings for the coming year,

members had the opportunity to share updates of recent activities and upcoming events.

Elk Point has its F. G. Miller Crusader Trade and Craft Sale coming up on Nov. 25, which is also the first performance of the Elk Point Allied Arts Christmas Dinner Theatre, with the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza on Dec. 1 and the annual Elk Point Oilmen's Big Bucks Competition on Dec. 9.

St. Paul representatives were excited to report that plans for a BMX and skateboard park will be built adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail, adding to the attractions along the trail which already include the soccer fields, Reunion Station, a fish pond and a campground that was well used this summer.

Mallaig's upcoming activities range from a suicide awareness session on Nov. 14, a craft sale and shrimp and oyster supper on Nov. 18 and a curling clinic on Nov. 25 to community Christmas parties for both adults and children in December.

News from Alberta Parks development officer Jacklyn Denman included the Nov. 15 grand opening of year-round camping cabins at Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park, which will also have teepee comfort camping, developed in conjunction with the Lac La Biche Native Friendship Centre, available as of the May 2018 long weekend. A cross-country skiing event

under a full moon, a Family Day event in February at Beaver Lake and the opening of a new 120-site campground at Pinehurst Lake, hopefully by midsummer, are also on the parks' agenda.

Smoky Lake will host their 30th annual Pumpkin Fair next year, after breaking records for both pumpkins and squash in 2017, and are considering holding the event a week or two earlier, in hopes of better weather.

Heinsburg's Randy Hollar Night was a great success, and their series of jamborees is now underway, with the next coming up on Nov. 25. Their hall kitchen renovations are now complete. Camping numbers were down this year, but will hopefully recover in 2018, when the same camp hosts plan to return. The 2nd Chance Trail Ride, with the date set for May 12, will again journey from Lindbergh to Elk Point, but will include a hardy group who plan to head out from Heinsburg and be in Lindbergh in time for the ride's official start.

Two Hills has a Mennonite craft sale and an agricultural trade show coming up. Town of Two Hills Coun. Debbie Tupechka said the Fallen Riders Monument and the surrounding park, along with the Run to the Hills Rally, is attracting welcome two-wheeled tourist traffic to the community and the Lakeland.

Council

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The statistics include 138 break-and-enters, 205 assaults, 44 vehicle thefts, 86 robberies, extortion and threats, 21 sexual assaults and 233 incidents of willful damage or vandalism. While on the traffic side, there were 198 collisions.

Regular checks are being made on repeat serious offenders "who don't take the conditions seriously", the sergeant said. A recent crime suppression initiative, involving four officers for four days who checked 60 residences, tracked down individuals wanted on 31 outstanding warrants and laid 18 additional charges, as well as finding stolen property and a semi-automatic rifle. "This initiative was quite a success and we may see this team back here in the near future."

Detachment members "continue their liaison roles in the schools" and were among the Remembrance Day presenters," Sgt Hyggan said. "I want to see my members in the schools even more often."

The sergeant attended a drug and gang workshop at Frog Lake recently with members from other communities and "these issues affect the town as well, because it takes resources away from Elk Point. Work is being done, and I hope this happens again." He is meeting with the Department of Justice in the near future and wants to see a satellite detachment set up that would serve the eastern region.

FCSS

County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk was the final visitor of the evening, and provided council with an overview of her department's activities, programs and grants received. The department's "busiest year yet" resulted in a long list of family, child and youth, adult, seniors, community development activities that served a total of 3,983 individuals across the county, and employed five summer students. Their Facebook page has a "huge" following and is a fast way to share information.

Fodchuk said that she is also on call for critical incident debriefing for first responders.

Sherry Bower-Gagne is the town's new representative to the FCSS Board and the County is advertising for three members-at-large, Fodchuk said. She has applied for a New Horizons grant for 12 seniors' bus tours, and is eager to get some new ideas for activities.

"You give great information," Coun. Debra McQuinn said. "We have a very impressive FCSS department."

Kennel required

Council agreed to have administration notify the owners of two dogs that have the ability to jump high fences that they must contain the dogs in a kennel when they are outdoors and also that they must supply council with a photo of the kennel and a written statement agreeing to keep the dogs in it when they

are outdoors.

Water main looping

Updates to the 2017 capital budget and the five-year capital budget to reflect the \$74,875 expenditure for water main looping between Circle Drive and Ravine Drive received council's approval.

Ball diamond, soccer field rates

A policy covering rules and rates for Elk Point Recreation Park ball diamonds and soccer fields was amended, adding a special event day use rate of \$50.

One meeting or two?

Mayor Lorne Young and council debated whether a separate honorarium should be charged for the organizational meeting of October 23 in addition to that for the regular council meeting. The decision was that it was a separate meeting. Council also asked the administration to research the amount of honorariums paid to councillors and CAOs for meetings in other communities with similar population and demographics, prior to the upcoming budget meetings.

ROCK Foundation

The ROCK (Reclaiming Our Complex Kids) Foundation, a group dedicated to developing positive involvement by youth in the community, is made up of representatives of various community groups, some of whom already sit on council. The organization asked that a councillor represent the town at the group's meetings, but council agreed that they would like to meet with the ROCK chairperson before they make a decision to do so. She will be invited to an upcoming meeting.

Software licensing

Council approved the signing of agreements for software licensing and software support for 2018.

Rink insurance

A request from the Elk Point and District Curling Society to waive the \$5,105.42 cost of property insurance on the curling rink came before council, and after considering the attached financial statements and the fact that this has been waived in the past, agreed to waive the amount for this year also.

One member only

After learning that the Alberta Libraries Act allows just one representative from each municipal council to sit on the municipal library board, council revised their appointment from the Oct. 23 organizational meeting, naming Coun. McQuinn as the town's representative and deleting the name of Coun. Terri Hampson as alternate, as alternates are not permitted.

Extravaganza

A long list of requests from the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce regarding street closure, fire pit and firewood provision, permission to hold wagon rides and a parade and for insurance coverage of the events on Dec. 1 was approved, on a recommendation from the Public Works committee.

Council also discussed the preparation of the town's float for the parade.

Christmas appreciation

Council approved the purchase of gift cards for town council and staff, RCMP members and staff, and the press.

Third physician

Town council agreed to provide their council chambers as a venue for an upcoming supper meeting between a potential new physician, Alberta Health Services, the current Elk Point physicians, Mayor Young and CAO Gwozd. Gwozd and one of the councillors will also take the visiting physician on a tour of the community the following morning.

Deputy Fire Chief resigns

The resignation of Deputy Fire Chief Mike Ernst, due to a career transfer, was accepted with regret by council.

His departure is of special concern because the department is already shorthanded, with many of the firefighters working in the oil patch and not available when a fire call comes in. More volunteer firefighters are urgently needed to keep the community safe.

It's very important to the town that we have a fire department available when needed, Coun. McQuinn noted. Aside from safety reasons, "It saves everybody hugely on their homeowners' insurance."

Tax auction

Council was advised that the one property not sold at the tax auction was filed for tax forfeiture, but the property owner has now paid the tax arrears.

New look

Coun. Hampson has suggested a new and cohesive look for council, in the form of matching jackets, vests or shirts to wear at events. This will be looked into as to cost and then discussed further.

Warrants executed, new charges laid

STAFF WRITERS

From Nov. 9 to Nov. 12, Elk Point RCMP with assistance of resources from RCMP Eastern Alberta District added an increase in police presence in the detachment area and conducted proactive enforcement efforts in the patrol area.

As result of their efforts, RCMP executed 31 outstanding warrants, laid 18 new Criminal Code charges on various persons, laid six charges under the Traffic Safety Act, recovered one stolen vehicle and seized a semi-automatic rifle.

Elk Point RCMP will continue to collaborate with their partners in Eastern Alberta District to identify offenders and put a stop to their criminal activities.

Elk Point RCMP is asking are asking the public to report suspicious persons and vehicles in their area. Please contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or call your local police.

If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions).

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Bengals make history with first ever championship

CHUCK TAYLOR
Review Contributor

The St. Paul Bengals made history by defeating the Lacombe Raiders 27 - 9 to capture the Alberta Football Tier III Bantam Provincial Championship. This is the first provincial title in the 34-year history of St. Paul Football.

Approximately 500 parents, family members, volunteers and fans crowded the frosty sidelines and bleachers at Regional Field to witness local history being made.

"(Saturday) was a great day for us. It was a community win. The tremendous help we received from the town, the school division and the volunteers got the game field into great shape, allowing us coaches to focus on preparing the team and utilize our passing game, which opened up the offence in the second half. A huge, boisterous crowd sure showed that this game meant a lot to our community and area. Their support was so inspiring. The work put in by the community showed that true St Paul Spirit ... It really seemed like the entire community was out there with us," said Bengals' head coach Todd Tanasichuk, reflecting on the past week.

On Saturday, the Bengals started off quickly recovering an onside kick, then pounding the rock downfield to go up 7-0 early in the game. Brett Halfe and Malcolm Steeves alternated strong runs and the St. Paul boys marched 55 yards, with Steeves rumbling 11 yards to open the scoring.

"We were able to spend the week being focused on the game plan instead of the game field, and it paid off from the opening kickoff. We saw on film an opportunity to take advantage of their alignment and attempted a short kick, which we were able to recover. That allowed us to march down the field and punch in the opening drive on a Malcolm Steeves run, which put them on their heels," said Tanasichuk.

The Bengals kicked deep on the second kickoff and the defense shut down the Raiders' offense. "They were tough a really first class team. They put up a good fight," said Steeves.

Early in the second quarter with a bit of signature St. Paul trickery, the local boys executed a quick kick on second down. Charlie Rogel recovered the punt inside the Lacombe 10-yard line.

Steeves then smashed his way into the end zone, but the single was blocked putting St Paul up 13 - 0.

"Early in the second quarter, we recovered a fumble at midfield. By then they had adjusted their defence to stop our running game by playing everyone up close to the line of scrimmage and so we called the quick kick, where four players are onside and can recover the punt. We were able to recover it deep in their end on a great play by Charlie Rogel. That set up 'Steeves' second touchdown run of the day, putting us up 13-0," elaborated Tanasichuk.

Lacombe's defense then tightened up. After exchanging short drives, the Bengals were pinned deep and a bad snap led to a turnover on downs at the St. Paul five-yard line. Lacombe's Tanner Park ran a sweep to the left and brought the Raiders within a single score 13 - 7.

The Bengals responded with another good drive at the end of the second quarter when another quick kick occurred.

"It actually wasn't a called play, but a miscommunication in our huddle. Even so, it looked like we executed the play well, but the referee determined our player wasn't onside when the punt occurred, and that's why we weren't able to keep possession," said Tanasichuk.

Later in the quarter, the Bengals were again close to scoring after a long pass from Boisclair to Tyler Foote, but St. Paul ran out of time on the Raiders 30-yard line.

The score remained 13 - 7 until the middle of the third quarter. Things were looking dicey when St. Paul fumbled deep in the Lacombe end and the Raiders responded by moving the ball beyond midfield. It looked like a comeback was in the works until Odin Smith stripped the ball to end a strong drive by the Raiders.

"It was hard, they were a good team and fought hard," said Smith.

St. Paul would go up 19 - 6 after a deep pass from Boisclair to Charlie Rogel.

"From film study, we knew we had some mismatches in their secondary that our receivers and passing game could take advantage of," said the coach.

Boisclair called his own number on a quarterback sneak to put St. Paul up 19-7.

Adversity would strike as Lacombe responded with a solid drive of their own, one of the few they had against the Bengals' defence, which has been St. Paul's strength all year long. St. Paul was able to stop the Raiders on third

down inside their own five-yard line.

The hometown boys were forced to give up a safety bringing the score to 19 - 9.

When the going got tough the Bengals again got going with Boisclair throwing a 70-yard touchdown pass to Damon Buffalo in the fourth quarter for the game-clinching touchdown with under five minutes remaining.

The score was made on a play the Bengals had tried twice earlier where Buffalo was open but just couldn't connect. A two-point conversion would cement the final score at 27 - 9.

The Bengals were able to get all their players into the game so every Bengal could say they played in a provincial championship, and the last remaining seconds ticked off the clock to bring home the title.

"It's pretty good. It's the first time in 34 years that St. Paul has won a provincial final. (It) Feels pretty good to win with my boys. (We are) moving up to Lions next year and we're going to do good there too. 2018 Tier IV (high school) champions is what we want," said Steeves

Teammate Charlie Rogel echoed similar sentiments. "It feels really great to be a champion. Better than it has ever been before. It was hard. They were a

good team, they fought hard. It only comes once and it doesn't come easy," said Rogel.

Incredibly, the St. Paul offensive line never gave up one quarterback sack all year and that continued Saturday.

"It's pretty fun and I am excited, the whole team is excited. We were champions of the (Wheatland) league and now we are champions of Alberta. The game went pretty good but we could have played way better. We had high tackles and missed blocks ... I'm really looking forward to playing high school ball next year," said Smith.

Lots of credit also goes to the offensive line coach Randall Kryz. Defensively, the Bengals were their stellar selves.

"The defensive coaches Derek Zapisocki, Maurice Brousseau and Jeff Gratton have been incredible all year long and Saturday was no different. We were very well prepared for their offence. I felt our five linebackers were outstanding, Lane Peters, Halfe, Rogel, Buffalo and Boisclair as was Steeves at cornerback," said Tanasichuk

Tanasichuk will be returning as head coach of the Bengals next season and hopes graduating Bengals will move up with the Lions, having the potential to do great things at the high school level.

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Crime Watch

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"The majority of these people are good, law abiding citizens, and they are very concerned about the situation," he noted, adding that he wants to be able to put more resources in place that are dedicated to work in that area, so the other members can deal with the rest of the county.

"It is one of my goals; it needs federal funding through the First Nations, and it can work to our advantage."

In the local detachment, he and his staff have been handing out Rural Crime Watch membership applications to anyone coming in to report a break-in or other occurrence, and advising them to sign up, and "be our extra eyes and ears out there." The reestablishment of a Citizens on Patrol Program in town and more interaction between his members and the students in local schools are also important moves in the right direction, the sergeant said.

GLRCW president Orest Sereda provided information on two upcoming events focusing on rural crime, one taking place next Monday, Nov. 27 at the Alberta Legislature.

The Raven Crimewatch group and their local MLA Don MacIntyre have arranged a day focused on rural crime in the Legislature, and has invited rural crime watch groups from a number of areas to attend. They have reserved a large block of seats in the gallery to accommodate the visitors. Those present at last week's meeting in Elk Point agreed to charter a bus to take a delegation from this area to the session, and Footbal Albertad anyone interested in attending is urged to call Orest Sereda at 780-724-3735.

Another event closer to home is an open meeting on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bonnyville Seniors' Centre with the RCMP, peace officers, MLA Scott Cyr and municipal reeves, with the goal of putting pressure on the justice system.

The GLRCW will also be represented at the Provincial Rural Crime Watch annual meeting in Red Deer and Lacombe on Feb. 16 and 17, 2018, with any members wanting to attend asked to contact Sereda for a registration form.



COYOTE / WOLF REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The County of St. Paul No. 19 will be reinstating the

Coyote/Wolf Reduction Incentive Program for the 2017/2018 Winter Season.



The County will pay an incentive of \$15.00 per Coyote and \$75.00 per Wolf harvested during the period from November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

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Only whole, unskinned animals are accepted for payment; pelts are not eligible for payment. To qualify for the Incentive Program Payment, arrangements must be made with Agricultural Service Board Staff prior to bringing the Coyotes/Wolves in for the payment, to assure there is someone available to deal with the carcasses.

Please contact Keith Kornelsen, Agricultural Fieldman or Warren Leister, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman at the Public Works Shop, Phone 780-645-3006 to arrange for an appointment or for more information.

EDITORIAL

Participation at its finest!

Throughout Canada's 150th year, Participation has been encouraging all Canadians to take part in their impressive playlist of 150 favourite Canadian activities, and to keep track of what they do.

Some of us embraced this list to the fullest, taking part in everything from archery to water skiing, while some of us had great intentions but just never really got out there all that much.

For sure, most of us were not like those five young men on today's front page, who delighted in going out on a frozen field to play in and win the provincial football championship, in the midst of a full weekend of hockey action. If they're keeping track of all their hours of exercise, it will be a grand total for sure.

Their parents, grandparents and other fans got some great exercise too, cheering them on, especially at the Provincial Championship game, where the old phrase, 'And the crowd went wild...' was an understatement. They were cheering every bit as hard as the fans in Toronto and Calgary, and they had even more to cheer about than the Roughrider and Eskimo fans.

Of course, cheering is a great way to keep warm whether you're out beside the gridiron or in the arena. If it's not on the Participation playlist, it should be!

RECREATION CORNER

Way to go Bengals!

recreation@elkpoint.ca

Review Contributor

I want to start off by congratulating all the Elk Point players on the Bengals football club on their big Provincial Championship win over the weekend! I know it's my dad's job to do the sports, but it's pretty special to win a provincial championship, so I had to mention it as well!

This Saturday is the annual craft and trade show and book fair at F. G. Miller High School. This is a premiere event held by the school. There will be a large variety of local home businesses and crafters on display, as well as the biggest book fair of the year. Entertainment will be held throughout the day as well.

The Extravaganza is only 10 days away and plans are moving forward fast! We want to make sure the entire town is dressed to impress! Starting today (Tuesday), businesses are invited to enter our Best Dressed for Christmas contest. To enter, email recreation@elkpoint.ca or call/test 780-207-5898 with your business name. Enter by November 30th at 5 p.m. There will be two categories: Judges' Choice and Fan Favourite. Winners will receive a pizza party for your office or business. And as an added bonus, on the night of Extravaganza, December 1st, the public will be invited to vote on participating businesses and place their vote at the Eco Centre where the FCSS will be serving hot chocolate. The Chamber will be giving away a special prize for the winning business, which will be decided that evening.

As for the residents, the annual Christmas Lighting and Decorating contest will be held once again, and for this one, you won't need to enter. We encourage residents to have their lights up for December 1st. Decorations must be lit from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly between December 16 to 20 to qualify for judging. Prize amounts will be announced in early December.



WAY BACK WHEN...

\$123,003 recreation park grant, 150 new wells, 287 shoeboxes

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1987

A \$123,003 grant through the Alberta Business and Community Development Program was put to use building ball diamonds, walking and cycling paths at the Recreation Park, with good cooperation from fine fall weather. A large crowd gathered at Elk Point's cenotaph on Remembrance Day, as Ron Barwick played the Last Post under sunny skies, the 10 degree temperatures a marked contrast from the previous year's minus 20 degrees.

1992

Elk Point found a warm new way to commemorate Remembrance Day, laying wreaths around an indoor cenotaph at the packed-to-the-doors Seniors' Recreation Centre, the excellent attendance said by master of ceremonies Sid Holthe to be "indeed proof that you do remember." Elk Point Agricultural Society announced plans to move up to a Class B agricultural fair, with the addition of a cattle show for females and market steers to the August 1993 lineup.

1997

Construction was proceeding full speed ahead on the Koch Exploration Canada Ltd. battery in the Ferguson Flats area and would soon be ready to collect and treat oil from 150 wells in the six-section project. Town council approved an amendment to the land use bylaw to allow the use of the former St. Michael's Catholic Church as an antique store, provided the integrity and appearance remain intact as a museum-type church.

2002

Silver Cross mother Rita Weir, accompanied by her

grandson Josh, was among those who laid wreaths at Elk Point's cenotaph as a pale sun glinted off freshly fallen snow at a ceremony held totally at the cenotaph, followed by coffee and lunch at the United Church. Alvina Schuhmacher and Pastor Jerry Richards of the Christian Community Church were in the running for an upcoming by-election to fill a vacancy on town council left by the resignation of Dwayne Vogel, who had moved out of town.

2007

Elk Point was "the right place to be," declared the town's new slogan, which replaced the "gateway to the Lakeland" which had been in use for more than 25 years. A total of 287 well-filled shoeboxes were sent on their way to less fortunate children overseas via Operation Christmas Child, thanks to donations made to local schools and churches.

2012

The draft of Elk Point's proposed garbage bylaw was raising some questions with town council. Mayor Parrish Tung said that the term 'mechanical adaptable' in regard to garbage bins did not clarify what was required, nor did the bylaw state if residents would have to purchase bins from the town.



MARK LETESTU of the NHL Columbus Blue Jackets (back, third from right) returned to the ice where he honed his minor hockey skills to encourage today's counterparts as he joined them for practices and a photo with the Peewee Avalanche and Sportshound Doug Bassett, and photos with other young hockey stars of tomorrow.

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Pole walkers put through paces

MARGUERITE FRIESEN
Review Contributor

Mandy Johnson, Urban Poling Ambassador for Alberta, put the attendees at last week's workshop through their paces as she had everyone marching around the arena with their poles.

Her presentation, entitled 'Pole Walking - 4 Wheel Drive for Humans' was well received by a number of first time polers and members of the Elk Point Pole Walking group.

Mandy talked about the benefits of pole walking for every age group from school age children all the way to 100 year olds. She explained the difference between fitness poles and activator poles used by those with mobility issues.



Benefits of using poles include improved balance, core strength, posture and walking tolerance. She discussed the joys and "how to's" of winter walking and called those currently using poles "the early adopt-

ers" as poles will become a more common sight in the future.

For information on pole walking contact Marguerite Friesen or check out the Elk Point Pole Walking group on Facebook.

Helene Brodbin (left) was the door prize winner of The Urban Poling Ultimate Guide to Nordic Walking, presented by Mandy Johnson.



Midget Avs work for win over Hughenden

The time had come. Sooner or later it had to happen. Time to tighten up the work boots, put on the hard hat and do an honest day's work. The Midget boys really had to work for the two points this past weekend after walking all over all the teams in the north. They finally met some competition when the Hughenden Jets came to town last Sunday night.



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BASSETT
Review Sports

This would be the first time the team actually had to put any effort into winning, and in fact were down by two goals after 40 minutes going into the third period. In the third period they started passing the puck and playing like a team instead of passing the buck. Trying to do it all alone works with the easy teams but not when you have some competition. And it seems like the teams in the south must be a whole lot stronger than the teams than in the north. The Jets had won only two games down south and lost three, so obviously there are a lot of stronger teams out there, the Avalanche just haven't met them yet!

Two goals for 'Awesome Alex' Hunter including one into the empty net with 30 seconds left at the end of the game when the Jets pulled the goalie for the extra attacker, 'Awesome Alex' also adding an assist to Wolke 'Wolf Man' Cueva's goal that tied the game at 4-all half way through the third period. 'Wolf Man' scored on a weak change up that fooled the goalie who had been playing a stellar game up to that point. But just like Wayne Gretzky has said, "110 per cent of the shots you don't take won't go in." Nick 'Sparky' Anderson with the first goal of the game while the Avalanche were on the power play plus adding an assist to the second goal of the game, setting up 'Warrior Warren' Ference in the slot for the one timer. Austin 'Astro' Axley tipping one upstairs on a wicked shot

from the point by Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage to take the lead with nine minutes left in the third. The 'Big O' Brody Odgaard with a couple of helpers in this one, he had some quality shots on the Jets goalie, but like I said, the kid they had in net played great. Our goalie guy Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion coming up really big too with some spectacular saves in the third period and especially in the dying minutes of the game to give the boys the victory.

Bantam Avalanche

The Bantam boys are still on cruise control, having yet to meet their maker. Friday night when Marwayne Sled Dogs came to town you would have thought that maybe this was going to be it, but no sir, the Avalanche with only eight skaters dressed in this one plus the goalie would coast to an easy 10 to 3 win. Hat tricks for 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage and 'Cowboy Dallas' Bristow. Two goals for Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal, Evan 'Batman' Ockerman and Jaden 'Jetstream' Van Maarion with one each. Three assists for Jace 'the Stafford Streak', Odin 'the Wall' Smith and Matthew 'Quickstraw' Quinney with one each.

Sunday showed more of the same, this time with a full two lines dressed, a big 7 to 1 win over Wainwright. 'Jet Stream' with his patented one timer with a hat trick. This guy has a wicked slap shot that I'm sure will break the plexiglass one day if he misses the net. 'Lightning Liam' with two goals and three assists. This was a easy night for 'Lightning', with a full two lines he actually had a break between shifts, most games so far this year he logs about 55 minutes in a 60-minute game. 'Danny Boy' Cardinal with a beauty of a goal assisted by the 'Wall' and 'Quickstraw', 'Cowboy', 'Bat Man' and the 'Streak' in on the action with a

couple of assists each.

Peewee Avalanche

Our Peewee Tier 1 team traveled to St Paul on Friday night, losing a close one 8 to 6. Two goals each for 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras, 'Mick Jager' Fontaine and Landon the 'Magnificent' Malachowski. On Saturday at home they had all they could handle with the powerhouse Bonnyville Pontiacs, losing this one 8 to 1, Cash 'Paycheque' Capjack spoiling the Pontiacs shut out with only 40 seconds left in the third period, assisted by 'Mick Jager' and Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman.

The Tier 3 team seems to be doing quite well, winning again this past weekend in the Border City, 4 to 0 over the Blazers. Two goals for Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand, 'Mad Dog' by the way is a first year Atom playing Peewee... mind you there is no body contact in Peewee any more, but still he is not out of place at all. 'Wild Wyatt' Pavoll with one, and 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine with a goal, an assist and the coaches' pick for the Inspirational Player of the game. The unsung heroes, defenseman Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch-Baker and Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski also with assists. The 'Kid', goalie Kade Fontaine with another outstanding performance getting the shut out.

Atom tourney this weekend

The Atom team didn't fare as well in the Border City on Saturday, losing 8 to 5. Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMossiac blasting two goals past them. Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka getting out of the pound and scoring two, 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce with one. Two assists for the 'Pinball' Brayden Pinette, 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa, Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk with one assist each. On Sunday, on the 'Rug Rat' Raif Evans-Anderson's ninth birthday, the team traveled to Mannville, the outcome there was not so great, must have been a little too much birthday cake! This coming weekend Atoms will be hosting their home tour-

nament. Be sure to stop by and check them out. The Avalanche playing at 8 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Novice news

The Novice team traveled to Bonnyville on Saturday, losing a very close one 4 to 3. Miles 'the Millionaire' Koren behind the mask this week in net did a fine job of protecting the bank. 'Without a Trace' slipping by their defense scoring the first one all alone, Brendon 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski with the second one assisted by Rhyley Kozicky and 'Wyatt Earp' Fontaine scoring the third goal, his assisted by another gunslinger Remington 'Steel' Reynolds.

Micro Novice tie St. Paul

The little Micro Novice team with only seven players on the team are holding their own, they tied 5-all over in St. Paul on the weekend. Theo 'Long Horn' Loughran with the first goal assisted by Ryder 'Rhino' Malo, 'Jesse James' Penner all alone with the second one, 'Rhino' assisted by 'Jesse James' for the third one, Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux with the fourth goal all alone, and 'Long Horn' with his second of the game to tie it up at 5-all, assisted by 'Jesse James'.

Players of the Game

Also over in St. Paul on the weekend some of our female hockey players playing with the St. Paul midget girls team hosted their home tournament. The rugged 'Raging Paige' Henderson was named the player of the game in their first game. Another one of our hard nosed players, Halle 'Comet' Stybel was also named the player of the game in their second game. Ashley 'Hacksaw' Hunter and Fawn Ockerman also play for the St. Paul midget female team.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results." - Wade Boggs

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Local Team Canada racer recovers from crash

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

When Madison Watt regained consciousness after taking a bad spill and ending up in a ditch during an international moto-cross race, she had no recollection of what happened. But once she was able to think ahead, her first fear was that the accident could mean she wouldn't be able to race again.

"It's been part of our family for so long - if I don't have to give it up, I won't," she said, from back home in St. Paul, as she works her way back to a full recovery from the crash that left her with three broken ribs, a lacerated liver, a collapsed lung, and internal bleeding.

However, all moto-cross racers expect that risk when they take part in the sport, she notes.

"If you can race as long as you want and never have a bad crash, then you're super lucky. I knew there was a time I was going to crash bad. It's like, 'When is it going to happen?'"

Watt had been selected to join Team Canada in taking part in the International Six Days of Enduro event, which she had called "a super big accomplishment for me."

When she left for France in mid-August, her only goal was to finish the race in one piece, although she notes, "I was a little nervous because I'd never rode an Enduro race before."

However, on the first day of racing, Aug. 28, she found herself getting into the rhythm, and figuring out the course, that sees riders take on everything from road racing, to travelling through bush and terrain.

Somewhere in that first day of racing, things went awry, likely not even 100 km into the race.

While Watt has no recollection of what happened, she does know another racer came across her, lying passed out in a ditch. It was unclear exactly how long she might have been lying there before being found, but the woman called in emergency help.

Watt was transported by ambulance to a local hos-

pital and doctors at that hospital, seeing the extent of her injuries and internal bleeding, made the decision to send her to a university hospital.



Ten days after the crash, she had seven litres of blood and other fluids drained from her stomach, following which she had to have three additional litres drained from her chest.

"I was in ICU the whole time I was there," she said, adding she was on an IV for four weeks, and lost 35 lbs., most of which was muscle.

"For the first while, nurses would have to help me sit up. I couldn't actually take a step or I would fall over."

Through it all, her father stayed close, even when she told him he should go home to be with the rest of the family.

He was staying in a cabin with Team Canada, an hour's drive from the hospital, and even though the hospital's visiting hours were limited to two hours, he made the trip every day to see his daughter.

"He stuck by my side through the whole thing and

kept encouraging me every day to get better," said Watt. "He really helped me through the whole experience and I couldn't have done it without him."

Her mother, brother and sister back at home also remained supportive, with Watt also jokingly adding that she appreciated the fact her mother didn't sell all her bikes back home, and the fact that her family understands and appreciates how much racing means to her.

She was in the hospital throughout September, and was set to come home when doctors ran a CT scan and discovered an artery that was about to burst, which ended up prolonging her hospital stay. Fortunately, insurance covered her treatment, but Watt had others show their support.

Her fellow Team Canada racers were behind her, with teammate Melissa Harten selling her Team Canada helmet and donating the proceeds to Watt, and with Shelby Turner, a Canadian Women's West National championship winner, also donating proceeds from the auction of her jersey.

"All the people we know from racing is like a family to us too. We were so thankful for that."

While her accident is nothing that she would like to repeat, part of Watt thinks she may still want to tackle the course again to fulfill her original goal to finish the race.

But while she didn't accomplish what she set out to do, she said she did take a lesson from the incident, one of which was to find the positives in any given situation.

"It could have been worse - I did get to come home," she said.

From her accident, she's also learned not to take the little things for granted, as she notes, "You never really know what can be taken from you at any time."

Watt is now back to work with the Town of Elk Point Public Works Department, doing lighter duties from water testing to driving the sanding truck, as she continues her recovery.

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- Operates libraries housed in Ashmont and Mallaig Schools.
- Meets every month except July and August.
- Five members-at-large for a three-year term

Town of St. Paul Recreation Board

- Joint Board with the Town of St. Paul to discuss recreation and negotiates funding contributions to the Town of St. Paul
- Committee meets monthly
- One member at large

St. Paul Airport

- The committee takes care of the operating functions (including financial) of the Airport owned jointly by the Town and County.
- Meets 3 times per year
- 1 member at large

Elk Point Airport

- The committee makes applications for grants for improvements and to operate the airport
- Committee meets every other month
- 1 member at large

St. Paul Ambulance

- This committee meets as required and is working on dissolving the board as Prairie EMS is the new ambulance service provider for the region.
- 1 member at large

Regional Assessment Review Board

- Board is called upon only when an assessment complaint is filed.
- Members are trained for the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) at a 4-day course by Municipal Affairs and a 2-day refresher course every three years after that.
- Two members-at-large

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

- This board is called upon when there is a subdivision appeal or an appeal by a ratepayer on a development permit.
- Training will be provided
- Four members-at-large

Weed/Pest Appeal Board

- This board meets when a landowner appeals a weed/pest notice issued by the County.
- Board is governed by the Weed/Pest Act
- Four members at large

Cemetery Committee

- This committee ensures that County owned cemeteries are being properly managed as per the Cemeteries Bylaw
- Meets on an adhoc basis
- Two members-at-large

County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Board

- Joint Board with the Town of Elk Point
- Is mandated by the Family and Community Support Services Act and the FCSS Regulation pursuant to that act and also acts as an advisory Board to County Council
- Board meets as required at the County Office or the Elk Point FCSS Office.
- Three members at large

If you are interested in becoming a member on any of these boards/committees, apply to pcorbieri@county.stpaul.ab.ca or drop off a letter at the County of St. Paul Administration Office, 5015 - 49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4, before noon on Nov. 24, 2017.

Tell us about yourself and your experiences relating to the board/committee, what interests you in becoming a member and what you can contribute to the board/committee.

Elks lose 6-4 to Hitmen

REVIEW STAFF

The hard-hitting Hillmond Hitmen were in Elk Point Saturday night to take on the Elks, and scored two goals 20 seconds apart in first five minutes of the game, before Elks goalie Paul Boulianne slammed the gate, keeping the visitors at bay for the rest of the period and most of the second.

The fast moving action kept the Elks away from Hillmond's goal right up to the last minute of the period, when Kameran Ballas scored off an assist by Ryley Wozniak with 43 seconds left on the clock. Nicolas Trufal scored a second goal for the Elks, assisted by Matthew Boulianne, midway through the second period, before a pair of major disagreements in front of the Elks' net send Elk Dyson Karbashewski and Hillmond's Anthony Reginer out

with game misconducts on top of seven minutes each for roughing and fighting, quickly followed by three more minors for Hillmond and one for Scott Ward.

Hillmond scored their third of the night shorthanded during those minors, with the Elks back at full strength when Ward returned the favour, scoring off assists by Ballas and Nathan Pundick to tie the score at 3-3.

Midway through the final period, Hillmond added another, and it was the Elks' turn for a power play, Trufal's second of the evening coming off assists by Matthew Boulianne and Jason Kalynchuk. Once back at full strength Hillmond redoubled their efforts and added two more for a 6-4 win.

This week, the Elks travel to Paradise Hill for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Hawks on Saturday.

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